

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

The specification has been amended to correct a grammatical error and to delete reference to the other application, which was not filed on the same date as the instant application.

Applicant notes with further appreciation the indication by the Examiner that claims 2 and 12-14 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2, and has cancelled the latter claim. Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 1 and claims 3-11 dependent thereon are allowable.

Claim 12 is already in independent form. However, applicant has amended claim 12 to refer to a "vehicle" instead of an "object" in order to differentiate it from amended claim 1. Support is found in the specification, for example at paragraph 0034, and no new matter is added. Applicant submits that amended claim 12 and claims 13 and 14 dependent thereon are allowable.

Applicant has cancelled the remaining rejected claims 15-23.

Applicant is adding new claim 24, dependent on claim 12, to recite the further step of directly viewing the upper paint layer at an acute angle to the vehicle surface without use of an ultraviolet light, such that the unique discrete identification created

by fluorescent material is visible at an acute angle to the surface without the ultraviolet light, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the surface. Support is found in original claim 1, in the drawings in Fig. 8 and in the specification at paragraph 0044. No new matter has been added.

With respect to the provisional double patenting rejection on the basis of copending application serial no. 10/707,181, applicant is filing an amendment in the '181 application so that the claims therein do not have the same scope and identical subject matter as the remaining claims herein.

Applicant is also amending the title and submitting herewith an amended ADS in order to correct the title in the original ADS and make it consistent with the specification as filed.

Applicant has amended and cancelled claims from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that the claims as they stood prior to amendment are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution and allowance of the claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these prior and other claims in one or more continuation, divisional and/or other patent applications.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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